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
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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **UPDATE ON FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPAS 2 THROUGH 8,
HIV/AIDS CORE MEDICAL SERVICES**

This is to update you on the progress of the Department of Public Health's request for proposals (RFP) for core HIV medical outpatient (MOP) services which includes medical outpatient services and medical care coordination services for Ryan White eligible clients in Service Planning Areas (SPAs) 2 through 8. On May 14, 2012, DPH provided a notification to your Board on the status of the RFP.

Medical Outpatient Services

A total of 19 proposals for the MOP services category were received. All of the currently-funded community-based HIV MOP providers submitted proposals, as well as from four new providers. All 19 of the proposals received are being recommended for funding.

The total recommended funding for the 19 new MOP agreements over the 28-month period (November 1, 2012 through February 28, 2015) is \$28,122,640. This amount is comprised of \$20,960,570 for medical visits, supporting 63,494 medical visits at a fee-for-service base rate of \$330.12 per visit; \$3,747,553 for laboratory testing services; \$547,600 for radiology services; \$2,162,457 for medications not covered by the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP); and \$704,460 for ADAP enrollment services.

Funding recommendations are based on estimates of two factors: 1) the providers' own data on the number of patients who will be eligible for Ryan White-funded medical services following the migration of patients who will be eligible for the new low-income health program, Healthy Way LA; and 2) on historic cost data for labs, radiology, non-ADAP medications, and ADAP enrollment services. Ryan White funds are mandated to be funds of last resort for the provision of HIV care and treatment services for low-income residents of Los Angeles County who do not qualify for services supported by other funding.

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Medical Care Coordination

In addition to the MOP agreements, DPH will recommend that all 19 agencies that have been identified to provide MOP services will also receive funding to support MCC services. These services include ancillary wrap-around services that support linkage to and retention in HIV medical care, and are consistent with the standards and allocations developed by the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV. The total recommended funding for the 19 new MCC agreements for the 28-month period is \$12,767,076.

In order to support optimal linkage and retention in medical care and promote improved health of Los Angeles County residents living with HIV, DPH will align medical care and MCC services on-site within each funded medical clinic. All agencies being recommended for funding are also participants in the HWLA program, which will minimize the need for patients to move from their current medical providers, and support the creation of patient-centered medical homes.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

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